

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **TO DISTRICT GUIDANCE CONTACTS, LAST ISSUE FOR YEAR:**

This will mark the last regularly scheduled Guidance Digest for the 2006-2007 school year. We want to thank you for your help this year in forwarding the Digest to others within your districts. Electronic communication has become the primary means by which we send information and use of it will only increase in the future.

If you are aware of a change taking place next year for your district guidance contact or if your e-mail address will be changed in some manner, please let me know at [john.robbs@de.se.mo.gov](mailto:john.robbs@de.se.mo.gov) and make sure that the information is inserted in the proper place on Screen 03 of Core Data. By doing this, your district will be assured of continuing to receive the Digest when it resumes its fifth year of transmission in the fall.

We realize that some counselors will be working in their districts for varying periods of time after students leave for the summer and that some work during their district's summer school session. Information that comes to us between now and early June that needs to be brought to the attention of counselors will be sent out in the form of "Special Transmissions"; those will end by June 15.

### **MoVIP UPDATE**

Vendors have been selected to provide MoVIP courses for the coming school year. Governor Blunt announced the vendors' selection on May 9. (<http://gov.mo.gov/press/>)

Connections Academy, based in Baltimore, will provide the elementary-level courses. Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU), which is partnering with Kaplan Virtual Education, and eCollege will provide the secondary-level courses. One option that is being added through the NWMSU program is a number of "honors" courses for secondary students. Information about this opportunity is available on the MoVIP Web site.

Although Governor Blunt has not given final approval to the new budget for 2007-08, the General Assembly has agreed to appropriate additional funds. As a result, it is expected that there will be double the anticipated number of state-funded MoVIP seats available this year.

Online registration for MoVIP classes began May 7 and is going smoothly. Registration for the state-funded seats continues until May 29. If your district is interested in having students take advantage of MoVIP courses, use the MoVIP Web site before 8:00 a.m. on May 29. Paper registrations will not be accepted. You can contact the MoVIP section by mail at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or by phone at 573-526-4219. The website can be visited at [www.de.se.mo.gov/movip](http://www.de.se.mo.gov/movip)

### **MISSOURI CHARACTER EDUCATION STATE PROJECT to offer training this fall.**

#### **CHARACTERplus Facilitators will conduct 10 ESSENTIALS TEAM TRAINING in October, 2007.**

Ten Essentials Team Training is a pre-requisite for becoming an official Missouri Character Education Project School. To learn more about benefits, who should attend, costs, dates and locations of training and to download a registration form, go to <http://www.characterplus.org/page.asp?page=1042>

### **UMKC COUNSELOR EDUCATOR OPENING**

The Division of Counseling and Educational Psychology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City is seeking a Missouri certified (or certification-eligible) school counselor to fill an Assistant Professor position with primary responsibility for our NCATE and DESE approved School Counseling Master's and Educational Specialist programs. The position is at the rank of Assistant Professor and can be either a teaching or tenure-track position, depending upon the desires and qualifications of the applicant. To see more information about this, go to <http://www.umkc.edu/html/acjobs/educ.html>

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## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR CLASS TO BE OFFERED**

Education Training Associates ([www.etainc.com](http://www.etainc.com)), a division of Kuder, Inc. is currently enrolling new students for an online Career Development Facilitator class in Kansas City. This class will help counseling and career professionals become a Career Development Facilitator (CDF) which allows an individual to improve the quality of career planning interventions provided to students and adults. Please share this information with the counseling professionals in your region, county, or district.

CDF's are prepared to work in many occupations which make use of varying skills and which satisfy many different interests and work values. Career Resource Center Coordinator, Career Coach, Workforce Development Coordinator and Counselor are just a few.

**Why CDF?** The CDF Curriculum offered by ETA addresses the following career development competencies:

**Working with Diverse Populations** - Recognize special needs of various groups and adapt services to meet their needs

**Employability Skills** - Know job search strategies and placement techniques

**Training Clients and Peers** - Prepare and develop materials for training programs and presentations

**Promotion and Public Relations** - Know how to market and promote career development programs

**Class dates: 06/12/07 to 10/30/07---Face-to-Face Session: 08/03/07 to 08/05/07 in Kansas City, Missouri**

For further information or to enroll, please contact Kerry Sullivan at 800-314-8972.

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)**

## **{CURRICULUM} No new information this issue**

## **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

### **KUDER NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE**

The Spring/Summer issue of Kuder User News, our quarterly newsletter for those that use, teach, and administer Kuder systems as well as those that are interested in career planning, is now available. To read the Spring/Summer Issue, please follow this link: [http://www.kuder.com/news/Vol6\\_No1/default.html](http://www.kuder.com/news/Vol6_No1/default.html).

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

Work continues on revisions in this program component area. Expect to see more about this in the fall.

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT}**

**PLEASE SEND TO COUNSELORS AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN YOUR DISTRICT: YOUR COLLABORATION IN HELPING COMPLETE A SURVEY IS NEEDED. (Sent on behalf of Deb Cook, member, Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition)**

The Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition (MCSHC) is requesting your participation in a short (10-minute) online survey to help MCSHC determine which tools and resources to share with you on coordinated school health. The Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition is a statewide partnership of public and private agencies advocating for coordinated school health programs. Our mission is to ensure a healthy Missouri by advocating for healthy children, healthy families, healthy schools, and healthy communities.

As a bonus, if you register and complete the survey, you will be eligible for a drawing for free entrance into their annual conference to be held from Thursday, November 29, to Saturday, December 1, 2007, at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage Beach, Missouri. More information is available at <http://www.healthykidsmo.org/conferences/index.htm>.

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To complete the survey, please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=82223830045>. Individual responses will not be made available to the coalition. They have hired an independent consultant, Gretchen Kunkel, to collect the responses and prepare a report of the findings. She will keep individual responses completely confidential.

Should you have any technical questions about completing the survey, please contact Gretchen Kunkel at 913.406.4862. The winner will be notified at the end of June.

## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

**A. 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION, RESEARCH, RECOVERY AND TREATMENT** will be held June 8-10, 2007, at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott in Kansas City Mo. For conference information and registration go to <http://www.ncpgambling.org/conference/info.asp>

**B. THIRD ANNUAL DESE/UCM COUNSELOR INSTITUTE** will be held on June 15-16, 2007 at the UCM Summit Center in Lee's Summit. A copy of the Registration form has been sent to guidance contacts in each district for distribution to those interested. If you have questions, or desire materials for this Institute, please **contact Liz Hicks by e-mail at [ehicks@ucmo.edu](mailto:ehicks@ucmo.edu) or by phone at 660-543-8998 MWF 7 TO 5.**

**C. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE WILL** be June 23-26, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. For more information, go to: <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?pl=325&sl=129&contentid=182>

**D. MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC) CONFERENCE** will be July 11-13, 2007 with a pre-conference July 10-11 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City. For more information and a registration form, go to: <http://www.militarychild.org/KansasCity.asp>

**E. ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE** will be held July 19-20, 2007, in St. Louis. Information is available at <http://www.characterplus.org/>

**F. 2007 MISSOURI ACTE SUMMER CONFERENCE AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS WILL** be held July 23-July 26, 2007 in Springfield. All Missouri ACTE Division Summer Conference Programs are now online at [www.mo-acte.org](http://www.mo-acte.org) under Conference/Division Agendas. Please also check back often for updates to the programs.

**G. THE MSCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE is scheduled for September 7-9, 2007** in Jefferson City. To see the brochure which contains the registration form, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/Leadership2007.pdf>

**H. THE MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE** will be held November 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A. Information about the conference will be posted at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/> in the future.

**I. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE** will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A. A reminder showing featured speakers is available for download and printing at <http://missouricareereducation.org/images/bridges2007/postcard.pdf>

**J. ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION** will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007. For information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/>